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In Re Application of : July 22, 2003
J.D. Champlin : Group Art No.: 2155
Serial No. To be assigned
Divisional of 09/184,868 : Examiner: F. Jean
Filed: July 21, 2003 : for IBM Corporation
Anne Vachon Dougherty
Title: CENTRALIZED CONTROL OF 3173 Cedar Road
SOFTWARE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE Yorktown Heights, NY 10598
CONTROL OF A DISTRIBUTED
COMPUTING ENVIRONMENT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed simultaneously
with the filing of a Divisional Patent Application.

In the Divisional Patent Application, Applicants wish to
submit the following:

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the Listing of
Claims which begins on page 2 wherein Applicants cancel Claims
1-4, 7-11, 13-20, amend Claims 1 and 12, and add Claims 21-33.

Remarks which begin on page 7.